

Draft
Potomac Water Resource Regional Committee Meeting
Adams County Conservation District
Gettysburg, PA
August 20, 2004

Meeting Summary

Attendance

Members Present:

Phyllis Chant, Vice Chair
Mark Bream
Michael Christopher
George Fisanich
Joseph Hoffman
Jeffrey Kloss
Ricky A. Leese
Donald MacAskill
James Richenderfer
Thomas Gratto
Brent Ramsey
Charles Bennett, Chair
William Reichart
Roger Steele
Russell McLucas
Mark Mathews

Members not Present:

Andrew Fitz
William McLaughlin
Pat Naugle
Robert Reichart
Tim Schaeffer
Evon Barvinchack

Guests:

Sue Cipperly, Adams Co. Planning
Tom McCarty, PSU extension
Joseph N. Wardella

DEP Staff:

Phil Conlin, facilitator
Dave English, facilitator
Rick Shertzer
Fran Koch
Dave Gordner
John Hines
Lori Mohr

Administrative Items

A change was made to the June 18th minutes. Under the Statewide and Subcommittee meeting Summaries section, the second sentence is amended as follows: Mr. Reichart, in addition to the public outreach committee, has been appointed to the Statewide Critical Water Planning area Subcommittee.

Motion was made by Joseph Hoffman to accept the June 18th minutes; seconded by Phyllis Chant and passed unanimously.

Statewide Committee Update – Robert Reichart

- Guidelines prepared for representation of individuals within any of the subcommittees.
- A final draft of the CWPA criteria will be supplied to the Statewide Committee at the November meeting & then released to the regional committees with a completed document not before early 2005.
- A new responsibility of the CWPA subcommittee is to supply technical assistance (upon request) to the Statewide Committee.
- Policy & Integration subcommittee will present final version of “Vision” document at State Committee meeting on Sept 27th.
- Public Outreach completed work on “universal message” document and is presented as a handout at this meeting.

State Water Board – John Hines reported the Governor has established a State Water Board with the concern being they interact with and are on same page with the State Planning Board.

Registration Update – Dave Gordner

Registrations received breakdown:

5495 - registrations received to date (2730 paper; 2765 web)
828 - agricultural
1958 - non-agricultural
2699 - public water suppliers
10 – unidentified

Conflict of Interest/vote to Abstain issue

A motion was made by Donald MacAskill and seconded by Ricky Leese and unanimously passed to permit James Richenderfer to add to this meeting's agenda his conflict of interest concern/discussion.

The issue was whether or not potential conflicts of interest could disqualify a committee member from decision making. The resolution came in the form of another motion made by Michael Christopher and seconded by Robert Reichart and unanimously passed to allow a new policy for votes. Basically, if one feels they have a conflict of interest associated with any issue and does not want to vote on an issue, they have the right to abstain from a vote on same issue.

Water Quality Law Presentation – Rick Shertzer

Power Point Handout Includes link to water quality standards in summary

Public Comments – None

Regional Stakeholder Brainstorming – Lori Mohr (facilitator)

Development/identification of a list of categories and specific groups in order to distribute the “universal message” regarding Act 220.

CWPA identification issue

Again, the concern was raised as to a need for more concrete criteria to enable one to say what is and what is not a CWPA.

A motion was made to submit Carroll Valley as a potential CWPA by Robert Reichart; seconded by George Fisanich. Motion was passed (14 in favor) with Phyllis Chant choosing to abstain from the vote.

October Meeting

Next meeting will be held at Franklin County Planning Commission.